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THE Case of the Officers WHO WERE *Commissioned by Her MAJESTY, the 9th of June 1711. to command Eight Companies to be Form'd out of the Able-Bodied Out-Pensioners of Chelsea-Hospital, to do Duty in Garrison.*



H A T the Reasons which mov'd the Committee of Council appointed for Military Affairs, to approve of Forming those Companies, and the QUEEN to give the said Officers Commissions, were,

1st, THAT Garrison-Duty might be done by them, in Lieu of (and as well as) Regular-Troops, and save the Government considerable Sums Yearly.

2dly, THAT it would be some Provision for Officers who had suffer'd by their long and faithful Services.

3dly, THAT it would keep those Men employ'd, and prevent Disorders often committed by Out-lying Pensioners ; who, by the long War, are become very numerous, and capable of Forming several more Companies, than what are already, or were intended to be Form'd.

But for Want of a small Provision to be made by Parliament for the Officers Pay, and Cloaths for the Men, those Eight Companies are not yet Form'd, nor have the Officers receiv'd any Pay, tho' Commission'd so long ago.

And it appears, by Computation, that those Eight Companies, of One Hundred in each, are more in Number than a Marching Regiment ; and the Pay of a Regiment amounting to upwards of 12000 l. Yearly, the Additional Charge of Cloathing these, and the Officers Pay, amounts to no more than 2295 l. Yearly, it saves the Government 9705 l. per Ann. and upwards, as is set forth in a Petition to the Honourable House.

WHEREFORE, the same is most humbly submitted to the Consideration of the Honourable House of COMMONS.